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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace numbered paragraph [0021] with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring initially to Figure 1, a portion of an engine block 60 of a motor vehicle --[0021] is illustrated having an outwardly extending threaded stuc. 62. A generally cylindrical magnetic adapter 64 is shown having a disk shaped upper portion 65 and a lower portion 68 which form a As will be understood with reference to the exploded view of Figure 5, the upper portion 66 fits within the lower portion 68. The upper and lower portions 66, 68 have centrally located openings such that an attachment insert 70 can be slidably inserted through the center of both portions 66, 68 and the chamber. It should also be understood that the upper portion 66 and lower portion 68 are perforated so that oil can pass from the engine, through the chamber in the adapter 64, and into the filter 88. --

Please add the following numbered paragraph [002.7a] after numbered paragraph [0027]: As shown in Figure 2, the perforated upper portion 66 has a central opening of a --[0027a] first diameter, and the perforated lower portion 68 has a central opening of a second diameter that is smaller than the first diameter. The removable hollow insert 70 is mounted inside the central openings and extends through the perforated upper portion 66 and the perforated lower portion 68 and provides a first threaded portion adapted to engage the opening 94 of the filter 88. The first threaded portion has an outer diameter that is smaller than the first diameter and larger than the second diameter, and the second threaded portion has an outer diameter that is smaller than the second diameter. The first threaded portion is received within the central opening of the perforated upper portion 66 and the second threaded portion is received within the central opening of the lower perforated portion 68. -

Please replace numbered paragraph [0028] with the following rewritten paragraph:

A magnetic ring 204 is positioned between the upper portion 66 and the lower --[0028] portion 68 of the magnetic adapter 64 in the chamber formed by the upper portion 66 and the lower portion 68, and the magnet is held in place by three magnet holders (only two are shown) 206A, and 206B. The magnet holders 206A, 206B are located along the inner periphery of the Appl. No.

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lower portion 68 and hold the magnetic ring 204 in place with notches 216A, 216B adapted to reversibly engage proper to the thickness of the magnetic r ng 204.